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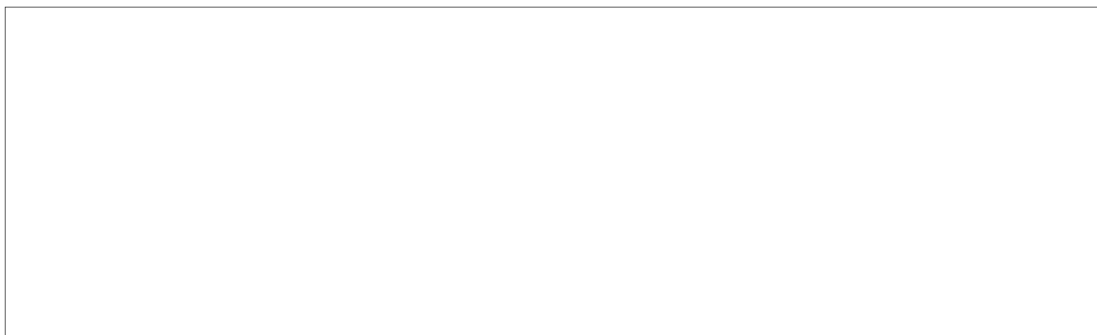
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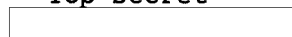
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ZIMBABWE: Moves To Control Dissidents

The government is cracking down on dissidents following the attack last Thursday on Prime Minister Mugabe's official residence in Harare. Roadblocks were set up around Bulawayo--the country's second-largest city and the stronghold of Joshua Nkomo's minority Zimbabwe African People's Union Party--and security forces on Sunday arrested eight former members of ZAPU's military arm as suspects in the attack. Meanwhile, Nkomo continues to decry violence by dissidents and to call for meetings with the government to discuss the issue. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The action at Bulawayo apparently is aimed at confiscating illegal arms and rounding up dissidents responsible for four months of violence. The crackdown, together with the recent formation of special antidissident units in the Army, indicates the government will delay any reconciliation with ZAPU until it has suppressed the unrest. The government also may be trying to prevent a violent backlash if it proceeds with plans contemplated since February to arrest Nkomo. [REDACTED]

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